

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Hitler Calls for Finish Fight As Russian Drive Perils Berlin; Farm Machine Pinch to Persist

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Carrying on winter drive over snow-clad western front, U. S. troops haul supplies to battle lines on sleds, then remove wounded on them. Sleds are made by service forces.

EUROPE: Berlin Imperiled

Ironing out the huge bulges formed in the early stages of their breakthrough, and drawing up their forces into an almost solid front, the Russians poised for their next great offensive thrust against Germany while Adolf Hitler called upon his people to "... fight on no matter where and no matter under what circumstances."

In a voice at once calm and then almost hysterical, the Fuehrer said: "... I expect every German to do his duty to the last. Every fit man must stake his life and body. The sick and infirm and otherwise dispensable must work to the last ounce of their strength."

It was on the road directly to Berlin that the Russian drive gained its greatest intensity, with Marshal Zhukov's 1st White Russian army not only menacing the capital from the north, but also threatening to swing to the north to cut it off from its ports of Stettin and Danzig from the rear.

Meanwhile, Marshal Konev's 1st Ukrainian army swept northward along the Oder from Silesia and threatened to pocket Berlin from the south. Konev shifted the weight of his attack after bitter German resistance slowed his drive across the Oder into Silesia, the "Little Ruhr" of the Reich, much of whose resources already had fallen to the Reds.

In Alsace, the focal point of the fighting switched from the Palatinate border region to the German pocket south of Strasbourg, where the Nazis had maintained a foothold ever since their general evacuation of France. In resisting south Strasbourg, the enemy made good use of the many interlocking canals the district to put up a defensive stand.

Momentous Meeting

To Confident Harry Hopkins went a task of sizing up the European political situation for the momentous "Big Three" conference, which was expected to result in the drafting of more specific surrender terms to the warring Reich.



Harry Hopkins

Long the President's closest adviser, Lank Harry made the rounds of the European capitals, conferring at length with Prime Minister Churchill in London and General de Gaulle in Paris, and then reported to the President.

Briefed for the forthcoming conference of Big Three, indications pointed to a big agreement of Poland's and Czechoslovakia's.

WAR FARE

Now despite the expansion of military needs and large shipments to Allies, U. S. and Canadian food supplies for civilians in 1944 were maintained or increased as compared with 1943. Food supplies for civilians in the United Kingdom also were maintained or increased, but continued below the United States level for many months and below 1944 levels in the United Kingdom and Canada for dairy products, meat, eggs, sugars, and fruit.

nexation of East Prussia and the Polish Corridor in compensation for other territory taken over by Russia; French annexation of German land west of the Rhine, and administration of the industrial Ruhr valley by an international commission.

PACIFIC: Continue March

Cheered on by the huzzah of natives clustered in liberated villages, General MacArthur continued his march on Manila, with the Japanese still offering their stiffest resistance on his left flank far to the northeast. In driving to Manila, General MacArthur executed another brilliant landing operation, this time putting troops ashore above Subic bay to the west of his advancing columns. As a result of the maneuver, Yanks were in a position to cut off the retreat of any Japs to Bataan to the south; squeeze any forces between them and the main U. S. column, and clear Subic bay for U. S. shipping to furnish a shorter supply route than from Lingayen Gulf on the north.

In continuing to put up their stiffest resistance far to the northeast of General MacArthur's advance columns, the Japs clung stubbornly to the ridge positions, while other units sought to relieve pressure against their lines with tank-led attacks.

FARM MACHINERY: To Remain Tight

Although nearly equalling the peak prewar output, production of farm machinery for the year ending July 1 will fall short of operators' demands, the Office of War Information reported, what with the heavy strain on existing equipment and the critical manpower problem.

Quotas on the \$697,000,000 worth of machinery, parts and attachments generally will be met, OWI predicted, although manufacturers are experiencing labor shortages and difficulties obtaining component parts, such as malleable castings and lumber. Of the total output, U. S. farmers will obtain 90 per cent, with 7 per cent being available for export and 3 per cent for lease.

Declaring that essential demands will not be met, the OWI said: "No more new tractors, side delivery rakes, combines or other haying or harvesting machinery will be available during the 1945 crop year than during the 1944 crop year."

WARTIME SEIZURES: Defined by Court

In a decision defining civilian rights in wartime—a decision the government promptly appealed to a higher court—Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan ruled that President Roosevelt lacked the authority to seize Montgomery Ward properties.

Slowly, clearly reading his decision, Judge Sullivan averred that the Constitution permitted seizure of civilian property only in areas in the immediate fighting zones, and that the war labor disputes act allowed seizure only of plants engaged in actual production of war material.

Further, Judge Sullivan said, only Congress by the framing of constitutional laws, and not an independent agency like the War Labor Board, has the authority to compel either party to a labor dispute to accept its decisions.

Lots of Pay, But -

There are at least 31 different kinds of pay you can get, but 42 or more different kinds of deductions. Kinds of pay making up the workers' wages include pay for swing shift differential, advance daywork, seven-day bonus, night bonus, individual and group incentives, inventory work, vacation pay, Saturday overtime, and many others. Deductions include social security taxes, war bonds and withholding taxes.

CATTLE CEILINGS: Purposes Cited

With the imposition of price ceilings on live cattle, OPA looked to the relief of wholesalers and retailers previously forced to buy stock above their own regulated sales prices and bid against black market operators.

Consumers, too, would benefit from the new order, OPA said, declaring that the live ceilings, coupled with tighter restrictions on meat rationing, "should give greater assurance to each housewife that she will receive her fair share of all grades of beef, including the top grades, at fair prices."

From \$18.00 at the Spokane marketing center, the top cattle ceilings range to \$17.25 for all of Texas save Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso and San Antonio. Tops for other marketing centers include \$18 for Chicago; \$17.90 for Milwaukee and Cudahy, Wis.; National Stockyards, Ill., and St. Louis; \$17.70 for St. Paul; \$17.65 for Kansas City, Omaha, Sioux City and St. Joseph; \$17.55 for Sioux Falls and \$17.35 for Indianapolis and the five cities in Texas previously mentioned.

RAIL TIEUP: Coal Shortage

Because of the recent railroad tie-up in the Northeast resulting from severe snowstorms, the government clamped down on coal usage in the area until rolling stock once again could bring in supplies.

Although directed to 17 eastern and middlewestern states, the government's order was expected to apply only to those areas where dealers' reserves were low, with deliveries limited to places with less than five days' supply, and curtailments on the heating of recreational and educational institutions.

As an indication of the severity of the weather in the Northeast, which so tied up traffic that only essential war freight was moved, rail cars were frozen clear up to their bodies in many terminals, with pneumatic picks, hammers and shovels needed to free them.

POLITICAL BOSS: Pendergast Dies

With the death of big, ruddy-faced Thomas J. (Tom) Pendergast at 72 in a Kansas City, Mo., hospital, another of the country's tough, old-line political leaders passed from the picture.

Learning the rudiments of politics in the back room of Brother "Jim" Pendergast's saloon in Kansas City, Big Tom took over the Democratic organization's river ward upon his death, and, by pursuing the policy of getting jobs for his workers, gained control of Kansas City's and Missouri's politics, his most notable achievement being the elevation of the present Vice Pres. Harry Truman to senator.

Too powerful for its own good, Pendergast's machine became the object of heated reformist attacks, with the federal government moving in in 1938 to convict dozens of his stalwarts, and then reaching out to jail him for evasion of income tax on \$315,000, received for settling an insurance rate case. He served a year and a day before being placed on probation on the condition he would not participate in politics for five years. A racing enthusiast, Big Tom was known to have bet \$2,000,000 on the bang-tails in 1935, losing \$600,000.

POSTWAR FUNDS: Jockey for Control

The bitter jockeying for control of the multi-billion dollar resources of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the postwar period took a spectacular turn with the senate's commerce committee advising the appointment of Henry Wallace as secretary of commerce, but capital circles intimating that he'd be speedily o.k.'d if the RFC were taken from the department and set up in an independent agency.

To provide for just such action, the commerce committee previously had approved a bill calling for the RFC's separation from the department, with Senator George (Ga.), who sponsored the measure, declaring that congress should exercise its control over the RFC's vast operations instead of leaving them under executive discretion.

Congressional unwillingness to entrust the RFC's resources to Wallace stemmed from apprehension lest he might make use of them on government projects to provide employment in the postwar period. Exemplifying this apprehension, senate commerce committee Chairman Bailey said: "... He (Wallace) is for deficit financing to the nth degree. That may be all right as a temporary expedient but not as a perpetual government policy."

BRIEFS...

The original stockpile of 700,000 electric refrigerators frozen in February, 1942, had been reduced to 48,000 at the end of November, 1944. Hospitals and military agencies obtained them.

Christmas shopping in the department stores of the United States in December was at the highest level on record, with the value of sales 23 per cent larger than in the corresponding month of 1943.

Washington Digest

Labor Draft FDR's Bid For Support of Veterans

Legislation Would Signify Full Backing of War Effort; See Servicemen as Powerful Political Group.

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"If the President really intends to crack down and jam this national service bill through congress one thing is certain—he doesn't intend to run for a fifth term."

That statement made by a seasoned old-timer who is a very good political weather prophet started me off on a journey of exploration, which disclosed a number of interesting observations concerning the President's plans for the next four years which can be reduced to four main points:

1. Whether or not the President believes he owes a debt to labor for the activities of the CIO Political Action committee in the last election, he doesn't intend to pay such a debt.

2. He has found a "better 'ole," and he intends to make use of it if he can, namely, another much more important pressure group which will probably be getting up steam long before the next election, but 3. Mr. Roosevelt is not interested in the next presidential election—for himself, because—

4. He has much larger fish to fry before and after 1948, and something's cooking right now.

How can the President afford to overlook the support of labor (point 1) and hunt a "better 'ole" (point 2)? Because the most powerful pressure group the country has ever known is now in the making, the veterans of World War II.

Election Indicators

It is still too early for the men and women in the military service to wield much direct political power, but judging from the vote cast in the last election and the efforts made both to prevent and to obtain it, the predischarge importance of veterans cannot be entirely overlooked.

Already, there are a number of very clear signs of the stirring of tremendous potentialities of the veteran in the postwar political world. At present, three hundred thousand have already joined the American Legion. We are not allowed, because of security reasons, to print the number of men already discharged, but as of some five months ago it was a million and a half. The Legion does not take any but those with honorable discharges and would mean that World War II discharges are joining up at about the same rate that World War I veterans became legionnaires.

The Legion has nearly a million and a half dues-paying members out of the three-million who served in the last war. If the same proportion were maintained we can envision a future veterans' organization (either the Legion or a new group) numbering at least five million persons. And that calculation is based on the armed forces as of today. By the time the war is over the number of those who will have served will be much greater.

That is looking at the potential strength of the World War II veteran pressure solely in terms of numbers. Another highly important factor must be considered. There is much evidence indicating that the present day fighting man is much more politically conscious than we were in 1917 and '18. This is seen in the discussion ("orientation") groups which are carried on by the army and navy all over the world, by the tremendous amount of news which reaches the troops even in remote corners of the world, by their constant call for more, and by their very emphatic and continued gripes about how the civilian front is being run.

I have talked with one of the editors of the present Stars and Stripes, with the head of the legislative division of the American Legion and with a member of the Veterans Administration who keeps in close touch with current veteran affairs. All agreed emphatically to the thesis that the men and women in the fighting forces will come back with a keen interest in how the country is to be run and with a firm intention of seeing that they are going to have their say in the running. This feeling is paralleled by the demands in every liberated country by the people who carried on the resistance against the enemy, who

in every case demand strong representation in the new governments.

Vets Demand All-Out Effort

We can see that any man with his eye on the political future will have to woo the veteran. And that brings us back to the National Service bill. Now one of the chief gripes of the serviceman is the fact that he is drafted to fight where and when he is told but the men who work in the war plants do not have to take orders from anybody. The sorest spot on the G.I.'s soul is the strike of the miners last year. Naturally, he thinks a labor draft law should be passed.

That is the kind of news the President wants to get out. That is one of the reasons why he wants a national service bill passed. He knows its importance to the morale of the fighting men as well as to the production of supplies. That is why he is willing to risk the anger of labor pressure against the measure. He knows that the morale of those boys now will affect their attitude toward the government when they return and their confidence in the leaders of the country.

But where, then, does point 3 (Mr. Roosevelt is not interested in the next presidential election) come in? The answer is in the "Bigger fish" he has to fry (point 4).

When an American reaches the presidency it is usually considered that he has hit the ceiling and from there on there is no place to go but down. True, the United States is a pretty big outfit to boss, but what about the United Nations? Bigger.

Whether or not the United States puts its weight behind a United Nations organization to prevent future wars will depend on the verdict of the men who know more about war than anybody else in the world, the men who are fighting this one.

And anyone who champions this undertaking, whether he is finally chosen as its leader, or whether he merely goes down in history as the man who made it possible, he will have to have the confidence and the support of the veterans, whose opinions on the subject will receive general acknowledgement, it is conceded.

Incidentally, another Roosevelt figure in one of the most ambitious efforts at international organization for the preservation of peace, "Teddy" having prompted Czar Nicholas II of Russia to call the second Hague Peace Conference of 1907.

Here is a little human interest story that will interest you if you have a boy in the service or if you are a psychiatrist.

My friend joined me in the club. He was obviously feeling very proud and happy about something. He told me he had just had a telephone call from his boy who was training to be a paratrooper. It is something to be allowed to take the training—all are volunteers. It is a lot more to make good.

Well, the boy had made his first jump from a plane. It was, he had phoned his father, just like riding on a roller-coaster. The real hard jumps, he said, were the first at about 35 feet from a tower with a cable attachment. And the fifth jump from the plane. That is the one that ends a lot of careers. Some of the toughest-fibred boys can't make that one, even if they have gone through those preceding, including the first tower jump. Then they are "washed up" as the saying goes, and they disappear.

But a lot disappear after the first jump. Men who have come back with medals for bravery in action sometimes stand there, the tears streaming down their cheeks because they just can't dive off into nothing.

But my friend's boy said it was like a roller-coaster. And as the father sat there you could see that that meant a lot to him and at last he revealed why.

"I couldn't help remembering," he said, "when the boy was about five and his older brother had just climbed up on a chair and jumped off. He got up on the chair but he just couldn't make the jump... now he's done it."



SPEAKING OF CONVENTIONS

Washington has now put a ban on conventions, which strikes us as strictly okay. A convention is a rendezvous of agitated citizens whose wives will accept no other excuse for a week's absence from home.

It is a noisy gathering of middle-aged men who think that fighting for a hotel room is good for their morale.

It is a huddle in lobbies and banquet halls of let's-get-together once a year to see if the competitors have aged much.

It is a gandy-dance by men who think spending a week trying to get in and out of elevators comes under the head of business promotion.

The whole idea of conventions was started by the railroads and hotel people and perpetuated by the aspirin tablet industry. The theory is that a convention is good for whatever line the delegates are in. But nobody has ever returned from one in shape to be any help to the boss for 30 days.

And his back home discomforts are always added to by the discovery he lost his watch, packed a pillow case instead of his pajamas and can't remember the four fellows he had a fight with.

Conventions are a series of lost motions concerning matters that could all be better settled by mail. A delegate spends \$25 a day doing nothing he couldn't do by postcard, except denounce the phone girl. By staying home he could have avoided fallen arches, acidosis, the scrap with the taxicab driver and those foolish words to the manicure girl.

We know men with national reputations for sagacity and solid sense who will travel 1,000 miles, spend a week in a bum hotel, get ptomaine poisoning, pay 40 cents for a soft-boiled egg and consider it all comes under the head of demonstrating routine business acumen.

And we can name gents famed for old-fashioned thrift who come to the big city and pay 25 cents just to get their own hat back.

A convention is a device for bringing to distant points men who think they can only develop bright ideas if their eyes are full of train cinders.

The only thing we can say in favor of a convention is that it gives a fellow a chance to slap on the back and say "Hello, J. D. Now's tricks?" to an associate who otherwise refuses to be friendly except by letter.

You listen to 10 speeches, 18 lectures and 100 committee reports but you still go home without finding out why a glass of milk in a hotel should cost a half-dollar.

The Real New York

How silly the idea that the spirit of New York is found on Broadway! That is where millions of visitors concentrate, thinking they are seeing the real New York. But we took our semi-annual hike along the downtown waterfront a few days ago and know better. The great crowds teeming with life, the countless freighters loading up with vital supplies, the tugs huffing and puffing around the bay, the coast guard ships (of all types and shapes), the sailors, soldiers and seamen from all parts of the world; and over it all an atmosphere of serious energy, hard work and accomplishment that makes the Times Square area look like a mere dizzy zone.

Super Gal

A wonder woman surely is Mrs. Esther Gramps: She really can keep track of her good and no-good stamps.

Lift the Steins!

The navy department has ruled that the fleets may carry beer and ale for the sailors to drink ashore; But red tape being what it sometimes is in the services, we hope the boys don't get ashore with a few cases of beer and find Washington forgot the "openers."

It came as a surprise to this department to learn that not since Josephus Daniels made the navy bone dry 25 years ago has an American warship carried anything but soft stuff. Restoration of beer will do more for naval morale than Leyte.

Summary

Hi diddle diddle, The butch in the middle, The cow jumps over the celt ing; The customers just yell "Strioin or bust!" And it all leads to choice double-dealings...

BARBS... by Baukhage

The Italian Boy Scouts had their first rally in 20 years. What a lot those kids will have to learn. Just what would a good deed be, Fascist style?

It was recently reported that Fala, the famous White House aborigine pup, was to have a "wedding." Query: Is another marriage in the Roosevelt family news?

Eggs are reported \$46 apiece in Jap-occupied Shanghai. However, shells are much more plentiful in Tokyo, 'tis averred.

If it weren't for the OPA, even the Pullman berth-rate would increase.

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GIRL OVERBOARD

by GEORGE F. WORTS

WNU RELEASE

THE STORY THUS FAR: Zorie Corey is railroaded into taking a job she does not want, helping old Admiral Duncan write his memoirs. She is in love with Paul Duncan, the admiral's grandson. While aboard the Samoa en route to Hawaii she is thrown overboard, and before arriving at Oahu Island Pearl Harbor is bombed. After landing, Paul and Zorie overhear Paul's handsome brother, Steve, with whom Zorie is infatuated, plotting with Winthrop Lanning to deliver some radar equipment to the Axis. Believing Steve in danger Zorie tries to save him, but is captured by Lanning, who takes her into the mountains and tells her she must die. Lanning makes some explanations.

CHAPTER XVI

"My dear Miss Corey," he said in an indulgent voice, "you are matching your wits with an expert. I admire you for what you are attempting to do. I admire your skill. You are one of the cleverest girls I have ever known. With a little training, you would become one of the most talented women in the profession."

"I don't know," Zorie said innocently, "what you're talking about."

He laughed genially. "That, my dear, is Answer B. It is always good, when delivered in just that way. . . . Miss Corey, I am really very serious about this. If you can make up your mind—if you can persuade Mr. Stromberg that you are heart and soul in favor of our cause, if you can show him a little of this cleverness—I would back you up. And you would walk out of this cabin, alive and free."

"How," Zorie asked, "could you back me up?"

He bent toward her. His expression was very serious. "Would you have to be lying? Miss Corey, I have important work to do elsewhere. I badly need someone to replace Corinne. I am sure you would be precisely the person I need. The work is interesting. Your salary—"

Mr. Lanning relaxed again. He was sadly shaking his head. "No, I can see by your eyes that Mr. Stromberg would never be convinced. You would be lying. And Mr. Stromberg has a talent for squeezing the truth from liars as these grinding mills squeeze the syrup from cane. Perhaps there are other approaches. I am so anxious to help you. I will be most unhappy if you do not live to see a Waimea sunrise."

"I am not in a position to argue with Mr. Stromberg," Zorie said quietly. "You've given me no arguments. I don't even know the background. And I'm still very skeptical of the conclusions you've jumped to."

"In respect to Steve?"

She nodded. "Yes. Please believe me—I am not in Steve's confidence. I know very little about this. But I am not convinced that Steve has been disloyal to you. Will you consider the evidence as I see it?"

"I will gladly, my dear."

"Very well. Everything was going smoothly, according to plan, until Paul made his announcement that Steve was still in the United States Navy. Did he prove it? No! You were all on edge tonight. I sensed that. The first mouse you saw, you all went to pieces. Paul supplied the mouse."

"Just a moment," Mr. Lanning interrupted. "Let me give you the background, very briefly. Let me tell you quickly about Berlin and Madrid. Do you know that Steve got into Germany strictly on the strength of his court-martial? I am now certain that that court-martial was a trick."

"But can you prove it?" Zorie asked.

"No. But there are other points. In Berlin, he enlisted the sympathy and confidence of certain men powerful in our party, but when your country virtually broke with Germany, Steve was suspected more and more."

"Why?"

"We believed he was obtaining secrets from a certain woman who was close to one of our leaders."

"But did you prove it? Can you prove anything, Mr. Lanning?"

"I can, indeed, Miss Corey. Steve was ordered on ten minutes notice to leave Germany. I was instructed to scrape his acquaintance, find out what he could—kill him if I believed he had betrayed us. That was my sole assignment."

"But you didn't kill him."

Steve Duncan is a very clever young man. In Lisbon, I managed to meet him. I introduced myself as a fellow martyr of Nazism. I had spent a few months, six years ago, on this island working as a field luna. That was why I was selected for this assignment. I gave us a bond. We were old pals!"

"Did you work on Stromberg's plantation?"

"No. I did not know Stromberg then. Steve and I had two weeks in Lisbon, waiting for a passage to New York. Steve spent this time convincing me he loved Germany more than life itself. He is such a persuasive rascal."

Zorie wondered if Steve had succeeded in persuading Pierre Savoyard not to kill him.

"Can you prove to me that he was lying?"

"Yes, Miss Corey! One night, in Lisbon, he mentioned having learned from a secret but authoritative

source—of a magical new radio device which the United States Navy had perfected and was trying out here, in Kokoe. It would detect airplanes at a distance of a thousand miles."

"Fifteen hundred," he said tonight.

"Yes, Miss Corey. That was, I fear, more of Steve's red herring. He is so clever with red herring. It sounded plausible. It excited my curiosity."

"Why shouldn't it?" Zorie asked.

"You haven't yet proved that Steve lied to you."

"But I am convinced that there is no such device as JY-419! If there is, it is certainly not in Kokoe!"

"What convinced you?"

"But I am explaining it, my dear!"

"Go on," said Zorie.

"Very well, my dear. I am now fully convinced that this information which he gave me that night in Lisbon—we were both a little tight—was the first step in an elaborate and foxy scheme to trap Basil Stromberg."

Zorie started to interrupt again. He said quickly: "I will explain that in a moment. I was so taken in that I communicated, by long distance telephone, with my chief, in Berlin. He was very excited about it. He told me that two very capable people would meet me in New York to give me every possible assistance."

"Pierre and Amber?"

"Yes," He smiled swiftly. "You think it strange, don't you, that I am being so utterly frank with

you— withholding nothing. Why, after all, should I?"

"You heard Steve use that very, very clever simile—likening the job of getting JY-419 out of this island to a play in a football game?"

"Yes, I thought it was very intelligent."

"That, my dear girl, was next to his final move in the foxy game he was playing with us. It was the big moment toward which he had been working. And it was so plausible! Only for an instant did the wing tips of suspicion brush my mind. Meanwhile, Berlin had become extremely anxious to secure JY-419. You may not suspect it, Miss Corey, but nations are sometimes quite as glib as individuals."

Zorie was shaking her head. "Mr. Lanning, you haven't yet advanced an atom of proof that Steve isn't loyal to Berlin. Your only piece of evidence is the statement made by his brother. He made that statement out of sheer vindictiveness."

"Why was he vindictive?"

"Because he has always hated Steve. Long before I met Steve, Paul told me that Steve had been kicked out of the navy, had turned Nazi and gone to Germany. Even when he was saying what he said on the island tonight, he still believed that. He refers to Steve as 'that Nazi!'"

Mr. Lanning was smiling mysteriously. "I am convinced that if your fiancé did not know the truth of what he was saying, he inadvertently stumbled upon it. It had the curious ring that nothing but the truth has."

"It had nothing but a malicious, vindictive ring!"

"I am very sorry, Miss Corey. We differ, don't we? I was about to say that Berlin had become extremely anxious to secure JY-419 so that it had communicated with Mr. Stromberg."

"Who," Zorie took him up, "is the leading Nazi here—the man who directs all your espionage activities in Hawaii and works closely with the leading Japanese agents?"

Mr. Lanning smiled at her admiringly. "You are such a clever young woman! Not much suspicion can have touched Mr. Stromberg—he is so clever himself and such a credit

to the community—but let us say that he was delicately suspected."

"Just the wing tips," Zorie suggested.

"You might compare Mr. Stromberg to the unknown element in a chemical formula," Mr. Lanning answered. "His presence is known, but his identity remains obscure. United States Army and Navy Intelligence and the F.B.I. have been looking for a man who fits the formula, but Mr. Stromberg is so elusive, so ingenious, that he has remained virtually unsuspected. Who, after all, would be justified in suspecting a man of his position, his importance, his avowed Americanism? And what could be more natural than that a man in his business should make trips frequently to keep in touch with his many business interests?"

"He must be very clever, indeed," Zorie murmured. She was, she believed, beginning to see the effects of this prodigious quantity of alcohol on Winthrop Lanning. He was beginning to become just a little glibulous. It was obvious that he was a great admirer of Basil Stromberg.

"This device, this JY-419," Mr. Lanning continued, "was intended to trap Mr. Stromberg. Berlin had ordered him to participate, if necessary, in securing it. And tonight you heard Steve making it imperative."

"But if there is no such device," Zorie began.

"One moment, my dear. Let us give Steve credit for possessing a resourceful mind. Let us assume that his superiors are giving him all the co-operation he requires. Why can't we safely assume that there is a case weighing between eighty and one hundred pounds in a small, padlocked building at the listening post? Why can't we assume that it was arranged for Steve and Pierre to get in there safely, secure it and make off with it?"

"And then," Zorie added, "to have been followed discreetly by sailors who would grab Mr. Stromberg and the rest of you when Steve and Pierre delivered the case?"

"Of course!" Mr. Lanning cried. "Why not?"

Zorie hesitated. The suspicion had crossed her mind that Mr. Lanning's argument was every bit as good as her own. Every scrap of evidence that either of them had employed could be used to prove that Steve was a patriotic American or a true-blue Nazi. But her mind wavered only a moment. And regardless of where the truth lay, her only safe course was to convince Mr. Lanning that she was right and he was wrong.

"Because it's entirely an assumption!" Zorie said crisply. "Why can't you as safely assume that Steve was telling you the truth, that a case containing JY-419 is at this moment in a little padlocked building at the listening post—and would very shortly be safely in your possession if you weren't so skeptical?"

"The case," Mr. Lanning stated, "contains a large collection of burned-out radio tubes, useless containers, and other discarded accessories."

"But you're only assuming that!" Mr. Lanning bent toward her again, so that Zorie could see great deal of the yellowed white under his irises.

"My dear girl, you are being very obstinate. And the important thing we are facing is not whether Steve Duncan has been loyal to Berlin, Germany, or to Washington, D. C. It's quite obvious that you're in love with this man. You are doing your best to restore my faith in him. You are wasting your time, Miss Corey! I know I am right."

He again glanced at his watch. "The important thing is, to have something ready for Mr. Stromberg when he arrives. I may not be here. If he does not come soon, I will have to leave you here alone. I am extremely valuable, not only to my employers, but to myself."

He got up. He picked up the bottle. It gurgled into his mouth longer than usual. He put the bottle down. He walked to the kitchen door and stopped. He looked at Zorie for some time. He slowly shook his head.

"Sometimes," he said in a puzzled voice, "I wonder myself if you aren't really Anna Boland!"

For the first time since dinner, Zorie smiled at the corners. Her arms felt numb. For some time there had been no sensation in her hands. Her feet were asleep, too. She noticed again a curious, pungent, noxious odor that she had first detected when she had come into this room.

"It's your suspicious nature," she said. "It's what I've been saying. As for Steve's treachery to you—where are all these proofs?"

"I gave them to you!" he cried.

"But you didn't, Mr. Lanning. In spite of your suspicions, in spite of your lucid reasoning, you have not proved that Steve has betrayed you. You have not convinced me that JY-419 is a case full of radio junk."

So much time had passed that it was unlikely that Steve would come here—that he was still alive. There was only a dwindling possibility. She wished her hands were free. In moments as intense as this one, it is so much easier to talk persuasively if you can use your hands.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Bet on the APO

By MARION TAYLOR

McClure Syndicate—WNU Features.

I DON'T know by what stroke of fortune three boys who grew up together in the same little town of Prairie Junction, Iowa, should land in the same flying outfit in the Pacific, but here we are. And one of us has become an age with more knocked-out enemy planes to his credit than any other Yank in this theater. That's Roger Barnes. But Tom Norris still has the handsomest face and the most devilish eyes and the most broken hearts along his trail of all men on our island. That is, he did until Roger's fame and daring made headlines in most of the American newspapers.

Roger is a big fellow, awkward and shy as a newborn colt. That's why he never even had a girl back in the old home town, I guess. Although I know plenty who would have been glad enough to step out with him, if he'd given them a chance. Especially Polly Meacham. And Roger was plenty fond of Polly, too. But the only time he ever scraped up enough nerve to ask her for a date, she already had one with Tom Norris. And he was too darn bashful ever to ask her again.

For weeks Tom had been bragging about getting the most letters from dames of all the guys in our gang. On the other hand, Roger probably got the least mail of all of us. But after all those high-powered

write-ups about Roger and his bravery, and his Gary Cooperish face appeared in all the newspapers, and magazines, things sure changed.

Of course the fellows in our tent weren't slow to let Tom know that there was one guy in the outfit getting more mail from dames than he was. Tom bet Roger two hundred dollars that, given a month's time, he could still be top man so far as such missives were concerned. Roger took him up, stipulating that everything must be on the up and up or the wager would be off.

I offered to help Roger with his answers, and didn't spare the roses. I described the moonlight and the wide sweep of sand and said how lonely I was, and how I wished they were here beside me, and we signed Roger's name. And the results were good.

But the strangest thing was that letters started pouring in by the bucketful for Tom, too. He let us examine them, and they all seemed to be the McCoy.

The worst of it was that there was a letter to him from Polly Meacham. Beside those she sent poor old Roger, it sizzled and scorched.

Things went on like this for a while, with Tom gradually nosing Roger out.

I dropped a personal note to Polly, telling her about the bet and how Roger really loved her and asking her please to do a little sleuthing about Tom at her end.

Two days before the month ended, Roger sat on his bunk reading a long letter from Polly with smiles chasing themselves all over his face. And, after he had finished, he handed it to me with a wide, bashful grin.

"Dearest Roger," it said. "Yes, I'm going to begin my letter that way because I've been in love with you almost forever, and I think you care a little about me."

"But I have another important thing to take up with you first. The bet you made with Tom Norris."

"About a month ago a letter came from Tom, asking me to marry him. Naturally I was flabbergasted. But men are pretty scarce here, and your notes were pretty stiff and formal, so I wasn't too definite in my refusal. I—well, I thought I'd stall a bit."

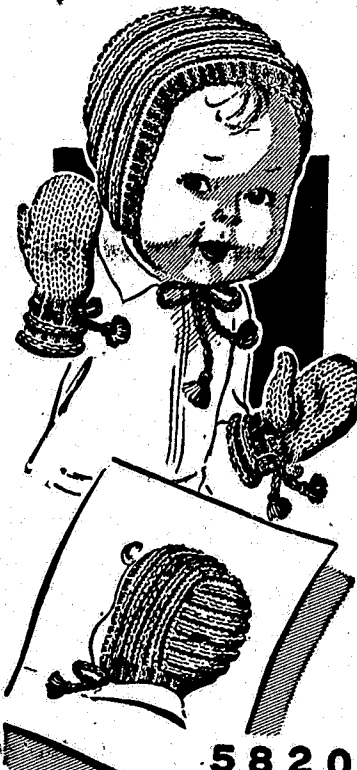
"One afternoon at the Red Cross Lucy Beemis came in, her face shining like a Christmas candle. 'Girls,' she shouted, 'I'm engaged to Tom Norris and I want you to be the first to know it!'"

"Like heck you are," glared Gertrude Simons. "He just proposed to me via air mail, and I accepted him."

"There were ten girls in that group Tom had proposed to by A.P.O."

"So, Roger, you really win." You can tell the boys that Tom violated the terms of the agreement by asking more than fifty girls to marry him just to beat the bet on the A.P.O. . . .

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The Rumford Citizen, 1908

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Carl L. Brown, Publisher

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1945



Farmer's Friend

Two southerners sat near me in a crowded day coach recently and carried on a heated and revealing conversation. Both men were farmers, but their similarity ended there. They were not at all alike. One seemed to be about 70 years old. He spoke with a soft "Deep South" inflection. He had attended college, was well dressed and had lived in several big cities.

The other man was nearer 30, with the accent of the delta country and was obviously a practical dirt farmer with very limited schooling. The conversation was about rice. The older man insisted that rice was not grown in Arkansas. "It would be so foolish," he said scornfully. "So long as Asiatic labor is cheap there will be no money in raising rice in this country."

Young Man Was Right.

The old gentleman almost persuaded the young man that he had been calling something rice that was not rice at all. I didn't intrude to say that I drive through miles of rice fields every time I make a trip from Searcy to Memphis, although I hated to see a man in possession of the truth so crushed under courteous language and ideas that have been out of date for 25 years.

Workers in the Arkansas rice fields are relatively well paid, as farm hands are compensated. They earn more than cotton choppers and pickers; draw wages more like a California orange grove worker. Just the same, Arkansas rice is prided right. Our growers could ship it to Japan in normal times and sell it there at a profit in competition to Chinese rice, Cooile raised.

Custom-Built Economy.

It sounded quite familiar when the cultured gentleman, farmer explained, "The biggest part of the cost of anything is labor." The statement used to be made often and used to be almost true, but America's volume production by machinery has disputed the idea with success for years; longer than the younger man could remember. Rice in Arkansas, a new industry, is tooled up well.

That's exactly why our rice workers are well paid. They produce a lot of rice per man. An American worker, with modern tools, can produce 50 times as much rice as a China boy with a heavy hoe. Allowing liberally for machinery expense, he can earn 30 times as much as the Chinese, and does. At the same time, the rice costs less per bushel and can profitably sell for less. That's America.

Parent of Prosperity.

Shorter hours and higher wages for people who work, lower prices and better merchandise for people who buy, are universally popular ideas. The same people want all four, because working people buy the biggest part of everything that's sold. It is strange, however, that all four of these benefits come from the same source (investment), which is not a popular idea.

Good equipment costs something. It calls for investment. With good equipment, workers increase production per man and get their pay raised, also increase production per day (or per acre) and show the investor a profit. Good equipment also increases the available supply per customer and thus lowers prices. What America needs, not to mention China, is to encourage investment.

GILEAD

Pfc Clayton D Bryant spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Florence Bryant Holder.

Claude Heath has been confined to his home here by illness.

Mr and Mrs Charles Foster and daughter of Portland were recent guests of relatives in town.

Mrs Dorothy Robertson was called to Mechanic Falls last Friday by the serious illness of her sister Mrs Stella Peabody.

Frederic Goodnow met with a painful accident last week while working on the snow plow and is confined to his home here.

Mrs Marie Witter and daughter spent the week end in Gorham, N. H.

Mrs Antonette Nedean of Portland was a recent guest of friends in town.

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THE AMERICAN WAY

FAIR TREATMENT
FOR VETERANS

By George Peck

Every reasonable thing must be done for the returning veteran—he richly deserves it. But in our eagerness to do for him, we must not go to such lengths as to disrupt our economy, for that would defeat our objective and eventually render a dis-service to the veteran himself.

As one aid to veterans, Congress has given veteran preference in the Federal civil service. Some state legislatures have already provided civil service preferences for veterans in state employment; other states are now considering it.

To guide government and the public in adopting a sound program to aid our war veterans to obtain their full share of employment in the civil service the National Civil Service League has presented a significant and excellent report. The personnel of its Committee dealing with this problem, which includes two college presidents - Robert L. Johnson, Temple University and Harold W. Dobbs of Princeton—and three prominent leaders of business and industry—Lee H. Bristol, Vice-President of Bristol-Myers Company, Charles R. Hook, President of American Rolling Mill Company; and William D. Warner, President of the McCall Corporation—is plain indication that this is not the product of star-eyed idealists, but a sound program by practical men who appreciate that the returning soldier can be helped in a substantial way without undermining our civil service merit system.

State legislatures, most of which will be in session this year, and which will be confronted with the problem of caring for veterans in the civil service, should be guided by the League's Committee's practical and constructive recommendations, some of which are:

(1) The public interest makes imperative the maintenance of at least the present standards for entrance to the public service. (2) Experience gained in military service and training, and education received through military agencies should be properly evaluated and recognized in determining eligibility and in rating education and experience. (3) Preference should be confined to original entrance and not applied to promotions within the service. (4) Regardless of the extent of privileges accorded, all veterans should be required to obtain at least a passing mark in competitive tests before being entitled to any preferred status. (5) Preference should be granted in the form of credits to be added to ratings in examinations, with disabled veterans receiving no more than 10 points, and other veterans no more than 5 points to be added to their earned ratings. (6) A disabled veteran should be defined as a veteran who has been accorded a disability rating of at least 10 percent and is receiving compensation therefor at the time of his application for appointment. (7) Retention in the service in case of reduction in force or abolition of positions should be based for all employees solely on relative seniority and efficiency regardless of veteran status. (8) Civil service employees who, while in good standing in the civil service, left to engage in military service, should be given credit for seniority purposes for time served in the military service.

It is my belief that the public will agree with the conclusions of the League's Committee that these recommendations "would carry out the desire of many citizens to give a reasonable preference to veterans in civil service employment, and on the other hand safeguard the efficiency of our public services, maintain fairness to those already seeking careers in the service, and keep open the doors of opportunity to those now too young to take up arms in defense of their country."

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

Jim Shelton, I been talking to him. He is one of those fellows where if you keep your own mouth closed — you learn something. He quit playing golf because he knew he no longer had a chance of being champion. He quit dancing because he had seen others past 60 making a monkey of themselves. He got out of debt.

Getting out of debt—that is the main part of the plot in this essay. But, if I had space I would also like to talk more about Jim. He has three Boy Scouts in his family. Jim claims he can cook eatable corn bread over an open fire, outdoors. He says he did it—but that is alright—most likely it was his boys who did it, but any guy who goes with his boys on a Scout hike, is okay. He will have no delinquent youth on his hands—in fact.

But back to getting out of debt. Operating on borrowed money is proper, if your business is sound and you are under 60—but beyond 60 owe no man a dime—that is the advice of Jim's boss, for comfort and peace of mind.

Yours with the low down,
JO SEBERRA

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five from day to day from the third Tuesday of said January. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of February, A. D. 1945, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Mabel Harden Chase of Greenwood, adult ward; Petition for license to sell real estate situated in Greenwood, presented by Isaac Watson Dyer, 2nd, guardian of said ward.

Jennie A. Bosserman, late of Bethel, deceased; Will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of William E. Bosserman as executor of the same to act without bond as expressed in said Will, presented by William E. Bosserman, the executor therein named.

Witness, Albert J. Stearns, Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

EARL R. CLIFFORD, Register. 7

NOTICE
The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed Admr. of the estate of True J. Brown, otherwise known as True Brown late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Bion F. Brown,
South Paris, Maine.
Jan. 16th 1945. 7

NOTICE
The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed conservator of Cornelia T. Chapman of Bethel in the County of Oxford, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said ward are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Alice M. Capen
Bethel, Maine.
Jan. 24th 1945. 7

CITIZEN SERVICE RECORD

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Battles, Campaigns, etc.		
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SONGO POND

Laurence Kimball was in Lewiston one day last week on business. Callers at Blanche Emery's Thursday were Mrs Alice Clough and son of Berlin, N. H., Bernard Harrington and Albert Kimball of Bethel.

Miss Eleanor Kimball spent the week end at her sister's, Mrs Helen Jewell's Bethel. Callers at Leslie Kimball's Sunday were Mrs Myrtle Kenniston and Mrs Alice Kimball and Dorothy Ann and Mr and Mrs Ray Jewel and Howard of Bethel.

Leroy Buck and Bee Osgood were dinner guests at Floyd Kimball's Sunday.

Miss Arlene Brown of Norway is

a visitor at Floyd Kimball's.

Leonard Kimball hauled cord wood for Elmer Saunders at Bethel Monday.

Elmer Saunders was a caller at Hollis Grindle's and Abner Kimball's Sunday evening.

Kenny Morgan plowed the pond Monday so Leon Millett could finish his ice business.

Mr and Mrs Leon Millett were at North Waterford Sunday afternoon.

Miss Julia Buck and Miss Florence Osgood called on Mrs Mae Grindle Saturday afternoon.

Leon Millett has let his horse out to Will McAllister for a while to use in the woods with his own horse.

Pvt George Brown, who has arrived from over seas was visiting friends and relatives in this place Sunday.

"Absenteeism Makes the Duration Grow Longer!" — Sign in a Mid-west war plant.

"It made me so mad that we killed and ate her!" Andrew Zwack, Albany, N. Y., whose hen laid egg marked like Rising Sun of Japs.

"Industry, if encouraged, will do its full share toward achieving full employment after the war. But to achieve it by the proposed "job budget" program is impossible.

"We will need public works to help, but our main reliance must be on private initiative and business." — H. W. Prentiss, Jr., Lancaster, Pa., Industrialist.

"Please send me a staff sergeant 5 ft. 9 in. dark hair, brown eyes." — Order received from Harlan, Ky. girl after Army seized Montgomery Ward.

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The overseas edition, consisting of the home news pages of the regular edition, seems to be the most satisfactory way of getting home news with reasonable speed to boys in the distant overseas stations. Since November it has been going to local service men in England, Belgium, France, Germany, North Africa, India, Burma, New Guinea, Saipan, and other undisclosed areas.

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en at one-half the usual rate for the regular edition, \$1.00 a year, and for shorter terms at the full rate. These subscriptions may be ordered for any military or naval address wherever located. (Request necessary for new Army subscriptions.) Subscriptions for the overseas edition are \$3.50 a year; \$1.85 for six months.

Please note that although it should be evident that there can be no profit at these rates, the offers are made to encourage local parents and friends to send the Citizen to as many as possible of our men and women now serving their country.

We can still accept new subscriptions to the Citizen, and at present are enjoying an unusually high percentage of renewals. The rates: three years, \$5.00; one year, \$2.00; six months, \$1.10; three months, 60 cents; shorter terms, 5 cents a copy. Your subscriptions are solicited.

The CITIZEN

War Bonds as Investment for Farmers

by Warren W. Hawley, Jr., President
New York State Farm Bureau Federation

IN CHECKING figures of the Farm Credit Administration, I find that farmers are paying off mortgages faster than at any other period in the history of the Federal Land Bank.

At the same time, farmers are building up cash reserves, but the wise investment of this money is an extremely hard job for farmers to undertake. The temptation is to try and obtain as high an interest rate as possible.

Many of us see no reason why we should not get as much interest on our money now as we had to pay the bank when we were forced to borrow during the depression.

The answer is that today money is cheap—"expanded", as the bankers express it. Therefore interest rates are low except in very speculative securities. Naturally no farmer wants to risk losing his hard earned cash.

We farmers know our own business and we can invest money in it safely because we understand it. However, when we branch off

into other fields, especially the highly technical field of investments, most of us encounter sad experiences.

In these days it is virtually impossible for farmers to put their surplus cash back into the farm. War-time conditions prevent us from repairing buildings, and buying new machinery, automobiles, trucks and other equipment we must eventually have if we are going to stay in business.

So the smart thing for farmers to do is to invest their surplus money in War Bonds where it is as safe as a dollar bill. These bonds increase in value the longer they are held; they can be cashed after sixty days in case of need, and they will provide a reserve for investment after the war in the business the farmers know best—the business of farming.

I confidently predict that if farmers will do this, the dawn of peace will signalize a new day for agriculture.

U. S. Treasury Department

Trailerized Army

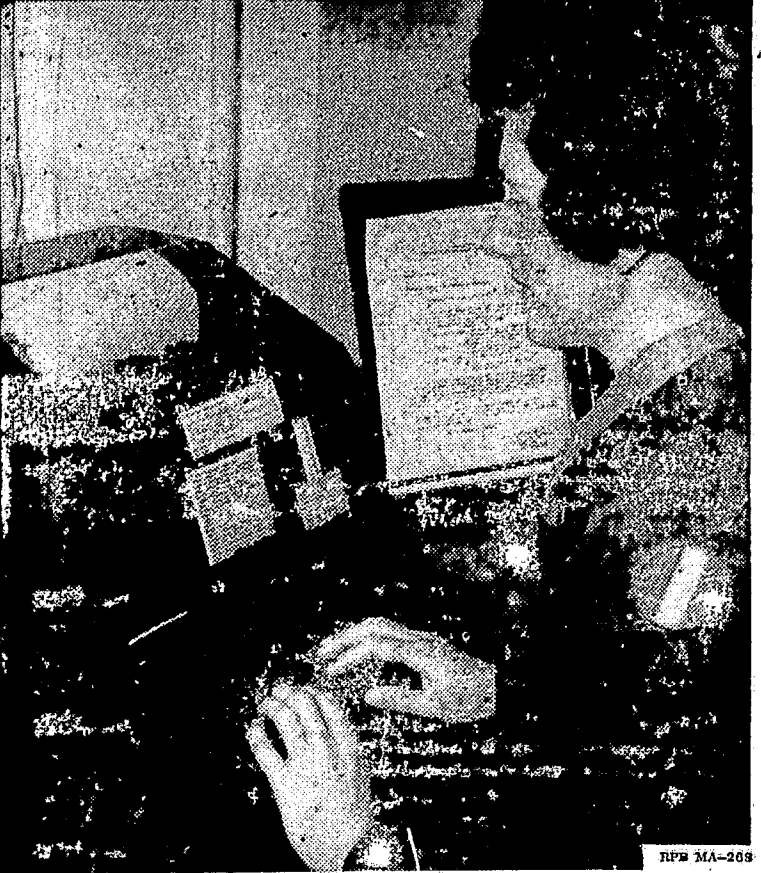


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One of the great advantages of trailer transportation is the fact that the trailer unit can be spotted while the tractor goes about other duties. The trailer does not have to be unloaded in order to free the trucks for other work.

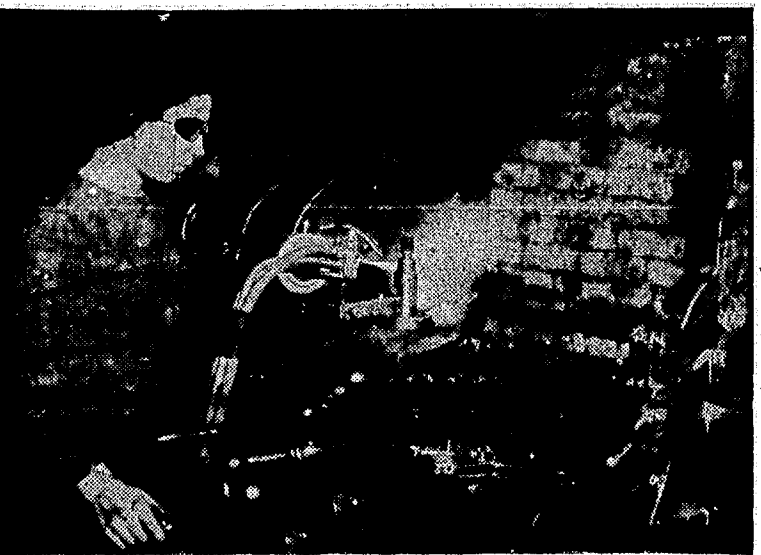
Full advantage is taken of this situation by the Army in this war. Shown here, for example, is a mobile anti-aircraft gun mounted on a trailer. It has been spotted in position while the tractor has gone about other duties. Thus, the shuttle system of transportation so often featured by Fruehauf and other trailer manufacturers for commercial use, has found an important parallel in war-time.

A Wac Taps Out Messages for Victory



At the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Pvt. Dorothy E. Brown, 28, of Helena, Montana, sends and receives important messages affecting fighting men and materiel of war. Private Brown was civilian secretary to the post commander of Fort William Henry Harrison before she enlisted in the Women's Army Corps November 8, 1943.

Women Still Needed In War Work



CHICAGO, ILL.—From all fighting fronts come urgent requests for more war material production. An example of the varied work of women, is shown above by the girl using the metallizing process that has overcome the serious replacement parts bottleneck and effected new savings in reclaiming scrap parts like new. Mogul metallizing gun shown in action sprays metal, melted by an oxy-acetylene flame, on a worn shaft. After the shaft is metallized it is then machined down by conventional methods and ready for installation. Metallizing, a wartime necessity will find ready applications in postwar maintenance and production jobs.

BRYANT POND

Mrs Inez Whitman, Correspondent
Mrs Donald Bennett and sons, Dean and James of Locke Mills were Sunday visitors of her parents, Mr and Mrs Leslie Abbott.

Mrs James Billings and Mrs Elden Hathaway were at Lewiston on Saturday.

Leslie Abbott has returned to his work at Mann's Mill.

The Susan E Haswell Mission Society met Tuesday evening, January 30th at the home of Mrs Portie Swan. There were seven members present. After the business meeting an interesting program on American Indian was given with Miss Ethel Ford in charge. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Franklin Grange

Franklin Grange, P of H held its regular business meeting Saturday evening, February 3rd. All officers were present except two. After the meeting the following program was enjoyed:

Song, America the Beautiful, Grange

Letter from Arthur Newell, USN read by Lettie Day

Humorous Reading, The Terrible Ten, Edwin Howe

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"Tell him we're cutting pulpwood!"

"I SEE here in the paper that General Somervell says, 'We would rather fire a ton of munitions than lose a single American soldier'.

"That's the way I like to hear our generals talk because that 'single soldier' might be our boy. So when

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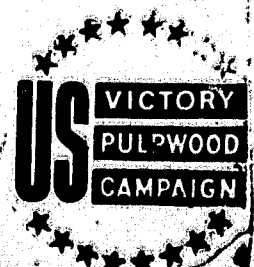
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Two southerners sat near me in a crowded day coach recently and carried on a heated and revealing conversation. Both men were farmers, but their similarity ended there. They were not at all alike. One seemed to be about 70 years old. He spoke with a soft "Deep South" inflection. He had attended college, was well dressed and had lived in several big cities.

The other man was nearer 30, spoke with the accent of the delta country and was obviously a practical dirt farmer with very limited schooling. The conversation was about rice. The older man insisted that rice was not grown in Arkansas. "It would be so foolish," he said scornfully. "So long as Asiatic labor is cheap there will be no money in raising rice in this country."

Young Man Was Right

The old gentleman almost persuaded the young man that he had been calling something rice that was not rice at all. I didn't intrude to say that I drive through miles of rice fields every time I make a trip from Searcy to Memphis, although I hated to see a man in possession of the truth so crushed under courteous language and ideas that have been out of date for 25 years.

Workers in the Arkansas rice fields are relatively well paid, as farm hands are compensated. They earn more than cotton choppers and pickers; draw wages more like a California orange grove worker. Just the same, Arkansas rice is priced right. Our growers could ship it to Japan in normal times and sell it there at a profit in competition to Chinese rice, Cooile raised.

Custom-Built Economy

It sounded quite familiar when the cultured gentleman - farmer explained, "The biggest part of the cost of anything is labor." The statement used to be made often and used to be almost true, but America's volume production by machinery has disputed the idea with success for years; longer than the younger man could remember. Rice in Arkansas, a new industry, is tooled up well.

That's exactly why our rice workers are well paid. They produce a lot of rice per man. An American worker, with modern tools, can produce 50 times as much rice as a China boy with a heavy hoe. Allowing liberally for machinery expense, he can earn 30 times as much as the Chinese, and does. At the same time, the rice costs less per bushel and can profitably sell for less. That's America.

Parent of Prosperity

Shorter hours and higher wages for people who work, lower prices and better merchandise for people who buy, are universally popular ideas. The same people want all four, because working people buy the biggest part of everything that's sold. It is strange, however, that all four of these benefits come from the same source (investment), which is not a popular idea.

Good equipment costs something. It calls for investment. With good equipment, workers increase production per man and get their pay raised, also increase production per day (or per acre) and show the investor a profit. Good equipment also increases the available supply per customer and thus lowers prices. What America needs, not to mention China, is to encourage investment.

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INCOME TAX
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MARCH
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"I AM FILING MY INCOME TAX RETURN EARLY-IT'S ONLY 4 O'CLOCK AND I HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT!"

THE AMERICAN WAY

FAIR TREATMENT
FOR VETERANS

By George Peck

Every reasonable thing must be done for the returning veteran—he richly deserves it. But in our eagerness to do for him, we must not go to such lengths as to disrupt our economy, for that would defeat our objective and eventually render a dis-service to the veteran himself.

As one aid to veterans, Congress has given veteran preference in the Federal civil service. Some state legislatures have already provided civil service preferences for veterans in state employment; other states are now considering it.

To guide government and the public in adopting a sound program to aid our war veterans to obtain their full share of employment in the civil service the National Civil Service League has presented a significant and excellent report. The personnel of its Committee dealing with this problem, which includes two college presidents - Robert L. Johnson, Temple University and Harold W. Dobbs of Princeton—and three prominent leaders of business and industry—Lee H. Bristol, Vice-President of Bristol-Myers Company, Charles R. Hook, President of American Rolling Mill Company; and William B. Warner, President of the MacCall Corporation—is in plain indication that this is not the product of star-eyed idealists, but a sound program by practical men who appreciate that the returning soldier can be helped in a substantial way without undermining our civil service merit system.

State legislatures, most of which will be in session this year, and which will be confronted with the problem of caring for veterans in the civil service, should be guided by the League's Committee's practical and constructive recommendations, some of which are:

(1) The public interest makes imperative the maintenance of at least the present standards for entrance to the public service. (2) Experienced gained in military service and training, and education received through military agencies should be properly evaluated and recognized in determining eligibility and in rating education and experience. (3) Preference should be confined to original entrance and not applied to promotions within the service. (4) Regardless of the extent of privileges accorded, all veterans should be required to obtain at least a passing mark in competitive tests before being entitled to any preferred status. (5) Preference should be granted in the form of credits to be added to ratings in examinations, with disabled veterans receiving no more than 10 points, and other veterans no more than 5 points to be added to their earned ratings. (6) A disabled veteran should be defined as one who has been accorded a disability rating of at least 10 percent and is receiving compensation therefor at the time of his application for appointment. (7) Retention in the service in case of reduction in forces or abolition of positions should be based for all employees solely on relative seniority and efficiency regardless of veteran status. (8) Civil service employees who, while in good standing in the civil service, left to engage in military service, should be given credit for seniority purposes for time served in the military service.

It is my belief that the public will agree with the conclusions of the League's Committee that these recommendations "would carry out the desire of many citizens to give a reasonable preference to veterans in civil service employment, and on the other hand safeguard the efficiency of our public service, maintain fairness to those already seeking careers in the service, and keep open the doors of opportunity to those now too young to take up arms in defense of their country."

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

Jim Shelton, I been talking to him. He is one of those fellows where if you keep your own mouth closed you learn something. He got to talking about his boss. His boss is past 60, and when he turned 60, he ups and did three things. He quit playing golf because he knew he no longer had a chance of being champion. He quit dancing because he had seen others past 60 making a monkey of themselves. He got out of debt.

Getting out of debt—that is the main part of the plot in this essay. But, if I had space I would also like to talk more about Jim. He has three Boy Scouts in his family. Jim claims he can cook eatable corn bread over an open fire, outdoors. He says he did it—but that is alright—most likely it was his boys who did it, but any guy who goes with his boys on a Scout hike, is okay. He will have no delinquent youth on his hands—in fact.

But back to getting out of debt. Operating on borrowed money is proper, if your business is sound and you are under 60—but beyond 60 owe no man a dime—that is the advice of Jim's boss, for comfort and peace of mind.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five from day to day from the third Tuesday of said January. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of February, A. D. 1945, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Mabel Harden Chase of Greenwood, adult ward; Petition for license to sell real estate situated in Greenwood, presented by Isaac Watson Dyer, 2nd, guardian of said ward.

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Witness, Albert J. Stearns, Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five.
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Education details

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"It made me so mad that we killed and ate her!" Andrew Zwack, Albany, N. Y., whose hen laid eggs marked like Rising Sun of Japs.

"Industry, if encouraged, will do its full share toward achieving full employment after the war. But to achieve it by the proposed 'job budget' program is impossible. 'We will need public works to help, but our main reliance must be on private initiative and business.' — H. W. Prentiss, Jr., Lancaster, Pa., industrialist.

"Please send me a staff sergeant 5 ft. 9 in, dark hair, brown eyes." — Order received from Harlan, Ky. girl after Army seized Montgomery Ward.

"Anybody who feels chilly (at the prescribed temperature of 63 degrees) can easily get a job in a nice, warm foundry." — Howard Brubaker, columnist.

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The overseas edition, consisting of the home news pages of the regular edition, seems to be the most satisfactory way of getting home news with reasonable speed to boys in the distant overseas stations. Since November it has been going to local service men in England, Belgium, France, Germany, North Africa, India, Burma, New Guinea, Saipan, and other undisclosed areas.

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The CITIZEN

War Bonds as Investment for Farmers

by Warren W. Hawley, Jr., President
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IN CHECKING figures of the Farm Credit Administration, I find that farmers are paying off mortgages faster than at any other period in the history of the Federal Land Bank.

At the same time, farmers are building up cash reserves, but the wise investment of this money is an extremely hard job for farmers to undertake. The temptation is to try and obtain as high an interest rate as possible.

Many of us see no reason why we should not get as much interest on our money now as we had to pay the bank when we were forced to borrow during the depression.

The answer is that today money is cheap—"expanded", as the bankers express it. Therefore interest rates are low except in very speculative securities. Naturally no farmer wants to risk losing his hard earned cash.

We farmers know our own business and we can invest money in it safely because we understand it. However, when we branch off

into other fields, especially the highly technical field of investments, most of us encounter sad experiences.

In these days it is virtually impossible for farmers to put their surplus cash back into the farm. War-time conditions prevent us from repairing buildings, and buying new machinery, automobiles, trucks and other equipment we must eventually have if we are going to stay in business.

So the smart thing for farmers to do is to invest their surplus money in War Bonds where it is as safe as a dollar bill. These bonds increase in value the longer they are held; they can be cashed after sixty days in case of need, and they will provide a reserve for investment after the war in the business the farmers know best—the business of farming.

I confidently predict that if farmers will do this, the dawn of peace will signalize a new day for agriculture.

U. S. Treasury Department

Trailerized Army

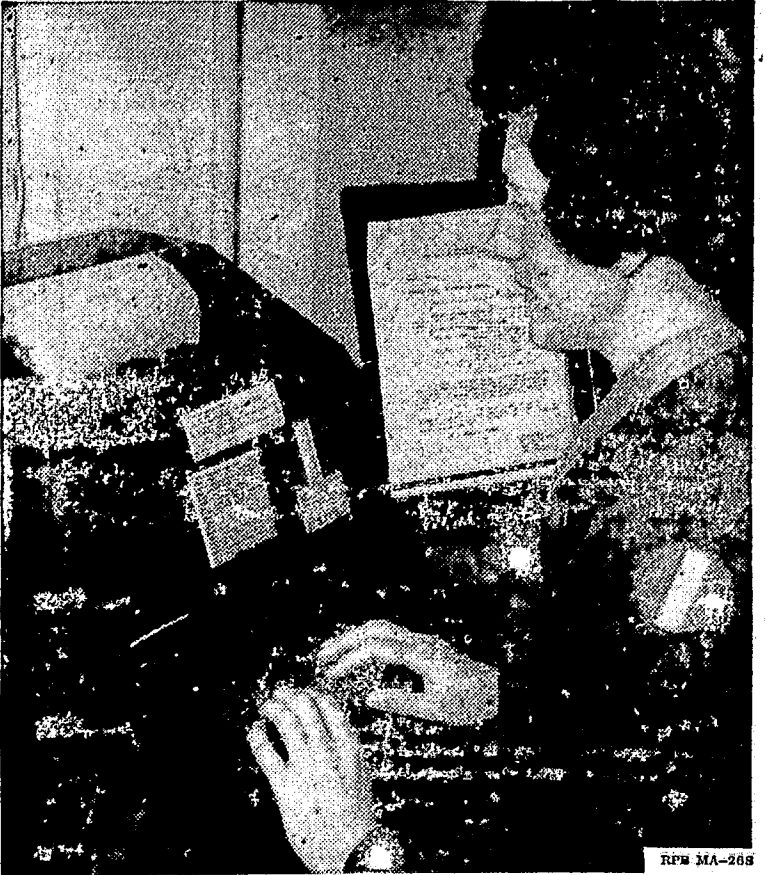


U. S. Signal Corps Photo

One of the great advantages of trailer transportation is the fact that the trailer unit can be spotted while the tractor goes about other duties. The trailer does not have to be unloaded in order to free the trucks for other work.

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A Wac Taps Out Messages for Victory



At the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Pvt. Dorothy E. Brown, 28, of Helena, Montana, sends and receives important messages affecting fighting men and materiel of war. Private Brown was civilian secretary to the post commander of Fort William Henry Harrison before she enlisted in the Women's Army Corps November 8, 1943.

Women Still Needed In War Work



CHICAGO, ILL.—From all fighting fronts come urgent requests for more war materiel production. An example of the varied work of women, is shown above by the girl using the metallizing process that has overcome the serious replacement parts bottleneck and effected new savings in reclaiming scrap parts like new. Mogul metallizing gun shown in action sprays metal, melted by an oxy-acetylene flame, on a worn shaft. After the shaft is metallized it is then machined down by conventional methods and ready for installation. Metallizing, a wartime necessity will find ready applications in postwar maintenance and production jobs.

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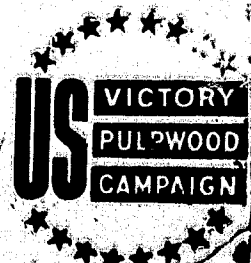
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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Crown the Table With Unrationed Foods (See Recipes Below)

Menu Makin's

Meal fixin's are a problem these days when food is scarce or carry a high point value. Today all of us are going hunting for foods that are within easy reach, and easy to fix.

With no points to spare, no time to waste, today's housewife perches her thinking cap neatly on her head and goes right to work. If she can't have fancy foods—or even hearty substantial ones she's accustomed to having, she's going to take what's available, stir in a dash of her ready imagination and come forth with something that will do much better than just tide the family over.

The War Food administration urges her to fix fish, and since there are ways to prepare fish delectably, our Mrs. America will do it. A scrap left over from the roast? She can disguise it so well, that even she will not know it's made over.

When you make use of these fish recipes which I've collected for you, you can serve good food at a point-saying.

Halibut a la King. (Serves 6)
2 pounds boiled halibut
6 slices toast
5 tablespoons fat
5 tablespoons paprika
1/4 cup sliced, stuffed olives
4 tablespoons flour
2 cups milk
2 eggs yolks
1/4 teaspoon onion juice
1/4 teaspoon vinegar
1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Arrange mounds of finely flaked fish on toast and mask with the following sauce:

Melt 2 tablespoons of the fat and blend in flour and salt. Stir until frothy, add milk and stir until sauce boils. Set over hot water. Cream remaining fat with yolks of eggs which have been beaten, onion juice, vinegar, paprika, Worcestershire sauce, and stir into hot mixture. Continue stirring until egg is set, then add olives, chopped. Pour sauce over fish and serve.

Baked Stuffed Fish.
1 medium sized fish (whitefish, haddock, carp, flounder, pike)
Salt and pepper
Flour
6 strips bacon
1 small can of tomato soup
1 cup water

Wash fish carefully in cold water, dry and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Stuff, sew up with twine and place in a pan. Dredge lightly with flour and place several strips of bacon over the top. Add enough water to keep from scorching, about 1/2 cupful. Bake in a moderate (350-degree) oven for about 1 hour. Serve with tomato soup, thickened with a small amount of flour.

Baked Stuffed Eggs and Salmon (Serves 5)
10 hard-cooked eggs
1 can salmon
1 tablespoon melted butter
1/4 teaspoon chopped parsley
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 raw egg yolks
1 cup sour cream

Remove shells from eggs. Cut off both ends and carefully remove the yolks from the rounded end. Chop finely the salmon, yolks and pieces of white that were cut off. Add the melted butter, one of the raw egg yolks, chopped parsley, salt, pepper and 2 tablespoons of sour cream. Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Place eggs in buttered baking dish. Mix the remaining egg yolk and sour cream. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Pour sauce over the eggs and salmon. Bake in a moderate oven until sauce is firm, about 25 to 30 minutes.

There are some meats for which points will not have to be spent. Here are recipes for some of them:

Boiled Smoked Tongue.
1 smoked tongue
Cold water to cover
6 bay leaves
1 teaspoon whole pepper
1 teaspoon cloves
1 onion, sliced

Wash the tongue, and if salty, soak in cold water overnight. Place in kettle with seasonings and let simmer slowly until tender, from three to five hours, or until skin curls back. Then remove from the brine, pull off outer skin, cut off root and let cool in the brine. This may be served hot or cold with horseradish sauce.

Sweetbreads, Broiled. (Serves 5)
1 pound sweetbreads
1/2 cup chili sauce
6 to 7 tablespoons bacon drippings
Celery, parsley, lemon and onion

Soak sweetbreads in water for 24 minutes. Cook in boiling salted water for 20 minutes with a bit of celery, onion, parsley and lemon. Let cool in liquid. Drain; place in shallow pan and pour over melted drippings and chili sauce. Broil about 20 minutes, turning occasionally. Serve in a rice ring or with mushrooms, broiled, if desired.

Kidneys. (Serves 4)
8 lamb kidneys or 4 veal kidneys
Salt and pepper
2 tablespoons fat or drippings
1 tablespoon onion, minced
Brown sauce

Plunge kidneys in boiling water, remove skins and soak in cold salted water for 20 minutes. Slice kidneys, remove tubes and tissue and season with salt and pepper. Heat fat and add onion. Add kidneys and let soak for 5 minutes. Serve with brown sauce.

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Hedda Hopper: Looking at HOLLYWOOD

SULFA, penicillin, quinine, morphia and blood plasma are vital in war medicine, but there's another great healer, too, on the battle front and the home front—the power of song.

The power of song has made this top year for singers and composers, for war with its demand for more and more music has thrust them into the foreground of the entertainment field, with names that were doing well yesterday, like Frankie Boy Sinatra and Dick Haymes, for instance, now becoming stars.

Phil Regan recently brought this fact home to me. He made me understand that if you were to take the contribution of Hollywood's songsters to the boys overseas and lay it end to end it would reach



Phil Regan

from here to the moon and back again. And Bing Crosby, Frankie, Phil, Dick, Dinah Shore, Judy Garland, Deanna Durbin, Frances Langford, Betty Grable, and all that magnificent list of entertainers whose talent has lived our fighting men have patched up many, many deep wounds of heart and mind.

There's a Reason

Let me tell you something of what Bing means to the boys. I've talked to some of them back from the invasion front who were there when old Bing, steel helmet on one side of his head, familiar pipe in the corner of his mouth, stood up in a jeep to sing for a detachment somewhere along the beach off Normandy. Howitzers were backing to his right, and a dull, persistent boom from the horizon indicated a barrage being laid down ahead. But at sight of the Old Groaner, boys who were halted on their grim forward march for a rest period straightened up and grinned.

"Bing! Hey, Bing! How about 'Pennies from Heaven'?" And when Bing grinned and raised his arm to indicate he was ready to begin, cheers and whistles split the skies. Then a silence more profound than Carnegie hall, for they didn't want to miss a single note. When an enemy plane circled uncomfortably near, Bing just cocked an eye at the sky and said, "Gee what that Frankie Sinatra won't do to steal a show!" and went right on singing. He'd give them all the old favorites until the order came through for the column to fall in. Those boys were marching up to the battle line, but their step was lighter, they had new courage with the echo of his music in their hearts—the courage that comes when danger is shared.

A Hit With the G.I.s

Once a week Dick Haymes puts on a radio show called "Everything for the Boys." They send in their requests, and they talk by short wave telephone from the battle fronts to the folks at home. You should read the mail that pours in from the soldiers.

Phil Regan, telling me of his experiences on his personal appearance tour, said: "Sometimes folks tell why they make certain requests. You see, the songs they want aren't always the smooth ones that are in the groove at the moment. They are the songs that remind them of home."

Another song the boys want is "Onward, Christian Soldiers," that fierce marching hymn, one of the greatest of all time. It's keen as a sword, that one, and mighty as eternity. It's for moments where nostalgic reminiscence won't do—moments when you want a lift as well as a boost forward.

On U.S.O. tour Betty Grable had to sing "Embraceable You" over and over and over again. And Alice Faye's "I'll Have My Love to Keep Me Warm" seemed to fill the same spot with homesick boys.

So after talking with Phil Regan to my hat's off to the singers and song writers of the world for what they've done and are doing for our boys and for the civilians during this war.

Bing Crosby didn't need war to make him great. But war has brought him closer to the millions of fans who put him at the top and keep him there than any peace time years ever could.

Spilling the Beans

You'll be astounded when you see Lucille Bremer in "Yolanda and the Thief" coming out of a lake with her chiffon veils blowing 12 feet in the air and all her apparel dry, and I'm just the nasty gal who'll tell you how it was made. She, poor gal, or rather, her swimming double had a wind machine strapped to her back with pipes in which they put the wind pressure. She backs into the lake with her veils flying, falls in backwards and they reverse the camera and show her coming out.

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Ernie Pyle's Slant on the War:

Navy Lands Troops on Sicily According to Plans

Some Anxious Moments Were Experienced by Convoy Crew

By Ernie Pyle

(Editor's Note: This dispatch was written and first published when Pyle was with the G.I.s landing on Sicily. He is now on his way to cover the boys in the Pacific war zones.)

WITH THE U. S. NAVY ON WAY TO SICILY.—As long as this ship of ours sails the high seas, even after every member of the present crew has been transferred away, I'm sure the story of the searchlights will linger on in the wardroom and forecastle like a written legend.

It is the story of a few minutes when the fate of this ship hung upon the whim of the enemy. For some reason which we probably will never know the command to obliterate us was never given.

Our great, bad moment occurred just as we had ended our long invasion voyage from North Africa and stopped at our designated place off the south coast of Sicily.

Our ship was about three and a half miles from shore, which in the world of big guns is practically hanging in the cannon muzzle. Two or three smaller ships were in closer than we but the bulk of our invasion fleet stood far out to sea behind us. Our Admiral had the reputation of always getting up close where he could have a hand in the shooting, and he certainly ran true to form throughout this invasion.

We'd been stopped only a minute when big searchlights blinked on from the shore and began to search the waters. Apparently the watchers ashore had heard some sounds at sea. The lights swept back and forth across the dark water and after a few exploratory sweeps one of them centered dead upon us and stopped. Then as we held our breaths the searchlights, one by one, came down with their beams upon our ship. They had found their mark.

Caught By Lights. All five of them stretching out over a shore line of several miles pinioned us in their white shafts as we sat there as naked as babies and just as scared. I would have been glad to bawl like one if it would have helped for this searchlight business meant the enemy had us on the block. We not only were discovered, we were caught in a funnel from which there was no escaping.

We couldn't possibly move fast enough to run out of their beams. We were within simple and easy gunning distance. We were a sitting duck. We were stuck on the end of five merciless poles of light. We were utterly helpless.

"When that fifth searchlight stopped on us all my children became orphans," one of the officers said later.

Another one said, "The straw that broke my back was when the anchor went down."

A third one said, "The fellow standing next to me was breathing so hard I couldn't hear the anchor go down. Then I realized there wasn't anybody standing next to me."

We got all set to shoot at the lights but then we waited. Our Admiral decided there was some possibility they couldn't see us through the slight haze, although he was at a loss to explain why all five lights stopped on us if they couldn't see us.

We had three alternatives—to start shooting and thus compel return fire; to up anchor and run for it; or to sit quiet like a mouse and wait in terror. We did the latter.

I don't know how long the five lights were on us. It seemed like hours. It may have been five minutes. At any rate at the end of some unbelievably long time one of them suddenly blinked out. Then one by one, seemingly erratically and with no purpose in mind, the others went out, too. The last one held us a long time as though playing with us. Then it too went out and we were once again alone in the blessed darkness. Not a shot had been fired.

Assault Boats Land. Assault boats had been speeding past us all the time and a few minutes later they hit the beach. The searchlights flashed on again but from then on they were busy fanning the beach itself. It didn't take our attacking troops long to shoot the lights out from close range.

By the end of the first week after the Sicilian invasion there was almost no indication of warfare along our beach front. The German radio told us every night that we were getting bombed, but actually a stilling peace had settled over us.

Hour by hour we could feel the ship slide back into her normal ways. The watches were dropped

I'm not sure some of them weren't just turned out and left off for good. We've never yet found out for sure why the Italian big guns on the shore didn't let us have it. Several of us inquired around when we got ashore after daylight. We never found the searchlight men themselves, but from other Italian soldiers and citizens of the town we learned that the people ashore were so scared at whatever was about to attack them from out there in the water that they were afraid to start anything.

I guess I'm always going to have to love the Italians, for anybody else behind those searchlights and guns that night and we of this ship would be telling our searchlight yarn to St. Peter by now.

Before closing this series about the navy I want to tell you of one member of our ship's crew who didn't make the invasion trip with us. She was the ship's dog, and this is the story of her and her master.

He is a regular navy man, a chief petty officer of many years' service. He is tattooed, windburned, a bachelor, and quietly profane. His officers say he is an excellent worker. I'm not giving his name because the story concerns his getting drunk.

It seems that several months ago some sailors from our ship picked up a German shepherd puppy. She belonged to the whole crew, but the puppy took to our friend and he took to it, and sort of by acclamation she became recognized as his dog.

The puppy grew into a beautiful dog, smart, alert and sweet. But when hot weather came along she got the mange. Our friend doctored it with everything he could find, and other sailors helped him with the doctored, but still the mange got worse. They finally clipped her hair close so they could get medicine to her skin more thoroughly, but nothing did any good.

When they hit the last port before leaving Africa my friend told me he went ashore and searched the country for a French or American army veterinary, but couldn't find any.

True Dog Story. When I came aboard ship this beautiful dog was frisky and alert, but the sailors had given up all hope of curing her. Something had to be done. The other sailors left it up to our friend. Whatever he chose to do had their approval. He told me later that you couldn't just put her ashore, for she had grown up aboard ship and wouldn't know how to take care of herself on land.

So our friend solved it in his own way, the morning after I came aboard. He didn't ask anybody to help him, or tell anybody what he was going to do. He just tied a weight around her neck and let her end—in the tradition of the sea.

I heard about it a few hours later, and stopped by the rail to tell our friend I was sorry. He couldn't talk about it. He just said "Let's go below and have a cup of coffee."

A few hours after that I saw that he had started having something else.

In the mid-afternoon I saw one of the ship's officers talking to him very seriously. It didn't look too good. Drinking aboard ship just doesn't go. The next day our friend was called before the mast and given a light suspension of privileges.

At lunch the boys were kidding him about it and he said, well hell, he wasn't sore about it, for obviously they had to do something to him. That evening I happened to be sitting with the officer who had sentenced our friend, and just to make conversation I mentioned that it was sad about the dog being gone. He sat up and said, "What?"

I said yes, the dog was gone. He said, "My God!" And then he said:

"He's one of the best men on the ship, and I knew something was wrong, but I tried for half an hour to get it out of him and he wouldn't tell me."

The officer sat there looking as though he was sick, and again he said, "So that was it! My God!"

Kathleen Norris Says:

Is Absent Husband Still the Boss?

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



"I am a nurse and do part-time duty in the hospital."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

HOW much should the wishes and opinions of a man who is overseas influence his wife here at home? "I am 28, have been married six years and have two little boys," her letter goes on. "My husband has now been away for almost two years. We had been making payments on a house when he went away, but it was not a house I had ever especially liked. It is too large for us, and stands on too small a lot; it has never seemed homelike to me. Tod's father found it for us and made the first payment."

"About eight months ago I had a good offer for it, and I sold it, beginning again to make payments on a far more attractive one-story house, which was not too much for me to manage. I am a nurse, and do part-time duty in the hospital. My boys, four and three, are in school from nine to four. For this I pay \$70 a month; they love their school, are safe and happy, and it is a chance for me to do my bit of war work."

"Last month I was offered a handsome rent for my house, which I decided to take, moving in with my stepmother, who is also, incidentally, my husband's aunt. We met in her house. Tod loves his aunt, and is glad we are friends, but he writes me angrily that he thinks I made a terrible mistake combining households. He says it never works, with two women. He doesn't want the boys to be in that expensive school, he resents my selling the house, says he has no interest at all in the new house, and that as he feels now he'd just as soon not come home; wife working instead of caring for her children, home sold, and family moved in with his aunt."

Directions for Afar. "Now what I want to ask you," the letter goes on, "is just how much right a man has to send directions home from the war zones. Aren't we wives entitled to use our own judgment and live in our own way, while the men are gone? Wouldn't it be ridiculous for Auntie and me to write him obediently that because he disapproved we had changed all our plans? We love each other; she is a widow of 38, has a boy of 15, teaches school, and loves me and my children. Her home is comfortable and spacious, with plenty of playground and garden."

"A letter received from my husband today ends with this remark: 'please write me at once that you have abandoned all idea of combining households with Auntie, have given up your nursing and taken the boys out of that expensive school. Otherwise I will feel very differently about this war that we are supposedly fighting to protect the homes we left behind us.' What shall I write in answer?"

My answer, Anna, is that Tod is taking a most unfortunate and unjustifiable position. In plain words, it's none of his business what you decide to do while he is away. Men are totally incapable of visualizing

A WIFE'S DECISIONS

While her husband is away at war, Anna has had to manage the home, making her own decisions as well as she could. She has two sons, four and three years old. Recently she sold the house at a good price and has moved in with her husband's aunt. The boys have been placed in a private school. This arrangement seems quite satisfactory to everyone except Anna's husband, Tod.

Tod writes from overseas that he doesn't like it at all. He didn't want the house sold; he doesn't want the boys to be in such an expensive school. Lastly, he fears that his wife and his aunt will eventually quarrel—that no household is "big enough for two women."

What these lonely, strange war years mean to women, and consequently can't imagine why women do what they can to make home conditions bearable.

Go straight ahead as you are going, and don't make any explanations or excuses in your letters to Tod. Continue to write him cheerful, gossip letters full of the children's affairs, news of his old friends, with clippings from newspapers and magazines that are of interest to him. Don't argue the matter at all, or excuse yourself.

Wise Course. It seems to me you are acting very wisely. You are helping with the great need of nurses; you are certainly saving money; you have worked out an excellent solution for the boys, and have found yourself a congenial comfortable home and a beloved companion. If every woman in your predicament could solve her problems as simply there would be much less straightening out of tangles to face after the war.

Of course, always keep on the note that when Tod comes back you will be together again with the boys, and with nobody else, for housemates. Meanwhile consider your home as war problems are his. You are not writing him directions as to what hours to keep, what friends to make, what food to eat. You know that the dread machine of war has gripped him, and that until it lets go he must do the best he can, and like all the rest of us get through these awful years day by day, with whatever philosophy we can muster.

Certainly we want to write the boys good news, to keep them from whatever distresses them, to assure them that while they are doing their job so magnificently, we are handling ours courageously, too. But to supinely take directions affecting your personal life from a man thousands of miles away, a man who naturally has no idea of what is meant by shortages of gas and domestic help, butter and shoes, transportation, living quarters and commodities generally, would be to show yourself too weak a woman to be of any use in the heroic postwar world we must so soon construct. And you don't sound like that sort of a woman.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

John J. Foster, Minister

9:45 Church School, Mrs. Loton Hutchinson, Superintendent.
11:00 Kindergarten Class, Mrs. Marvel Hanson in charge.
11:00 Morning Worship, Sermon Topic, "A Citizen of No Mean Country."
The Pilgrim Fellowship will meet on Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock in Garland Chapel. Mrs. R. R. Tibbets will review current books and authors.

The Guild will meet on Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the American Legion Rooms for a pot luck supper. Following the supper a Valentine Party will take place directed by Mrs. Jane Van, Mrs. Hil-da Donahue and Mrs. Frances Bennett.
The Ladies Club will meet on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock at Holden Hall. Mrs. Gayle Foster and Mrs. Robert Scott, the hostesses will have charge of the program which will center around Valentine's Day.

METHODIST CHURCH

William Penner, Pastor

9:45 Church School, Miss Minnie Wilson, superintendent.
11:00 Morning Worship service: Race Relations Sunday. Sermon theme: Creating World Brotherhood.

6:30 Youth Fellowship meeting. The group will gather at the church at 6:00 o'clock and walk to the home of Katherine Brooks for the meeting. Norma Bean and Nina Pierce are in charge of the program.

The Eleanor Gordon Guild will have a theatre party on Wednesday February 14. There will be a meeting and refreshments after the party at the home of Barbara Luxton with Frances Morrill as co-hostess.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Services Sunday morning at 10:45.

"Spirit" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon that will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 12.

The Golden Text is: "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

The citations from the Bible include the following passages: "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal" (1 Cor. 12:4, 7).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following selections from the Christian Science textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy: "God is Spirit; therefore the language of Spirit must be, and is, spiritual. Christian Science attaches no physical nature and significance to the Supreme Being or his manifestation; mortals alone do this. In the Bible the word Spirit is so common it is applied to Deity, that Spirit and God are often regarded as synonymous terms; and it is thus they are uniformly used and understood in Christian Science" (pages 117: 6-10 and 344: 32-3).

Testimonial meetings second Wednesday of every month.

GROVER HILL

High winds and high snow have combined to make this an exceptionally hard winter for Commission Brown and his crew of road breakers. Due to their persistent efforts we haven't been isolated for only a day or two at a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bean and daughter Constance visited his sister in Wilton, Sunday.

Several members of the family of Clave Waterhouse have been ill with colds.

Walter Brown is cutting timber for Clyde Whitman.
Harry and Henry Brown, who live on the former Grover place have both been ill and under the care of a physician.

BORN

At West Paris, Feb. 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Grover, a son, Daniel Theodore.

At West Paris, February 5, George Harding Tucker, aged 74 years.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all the friends in Newry, Sunday River and Hallowell for the Christmas gifts.

CORA S. BROWN

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I wish to thank the Bethel Service Club and the people of Bethel for the fine box sent me at Christmas.

CORP WILLIAM VON ZINTL

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank everyone for the kind letters and lovely cards and for the beautiful flowers sent me by the Ladies Aid and Farm Bureau. Also for the other many kindnesses which have been so helpful at home.

MRS. HERMAN MASON

SCHOOL SAVINGS

Week of February 5, 1945

Grade	Sav. Bank	Total	P C
I	\$2.00	\$4.20	76
II	1.00	3.80	69
III	1.00	3.55	63
IV	3.00	4.20	64
V	\$6.00	\$15.75	76
VI	\$4.00	\$24.45	52
VII	6.00	7.50	56
VIII	3.00	3.35	62
	\$13.00	\$20.00	

First and Seventh grades have banners.

UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Correspondent
Mrs. Donald Fraser and young son, who visited at Fred Bennett's in Wilson's Mills last week came home Sunday, but returned with Mr. Bennett to stay a while longer. Mrs. Esther Williamson's home from Sunday river and is caring for Millard Fraser, who has been very ill for the last week. Dr. Twaddle came every day last week to see him, even though he had to go on snowshoes from the main road several days.

A part of the Upton truck has been in West's Garage for repairs. They got it repaired Saturday forenoon so Mill road to Durkee's and the Andover Road to John Angvine's was opened Saturday afternoon. The big State tractor came up Sunday night from Newry and widened all the roads in Upton.

William and Lewis Barnett, and George Purple of Rumbold were up Sunday to shovel the snow from the roof of Mr. Barnett's house. School was closed on Tuesday last week because of the snow storm and cold weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Brooks of Bethel were in town Sunday.

Frank Allen of Errol and Albert Allen have been removing snow from roofs of buildings the last few days. The Lake House, The Chase Cottage, Pike's Cottage, Durkee's winter home and others.

Miss Carrie Wight, superintendent of schools was in town Tuesday this week. She visited school, also had a school board meeting at the home of Mrs. C. A. Judkins. She was accompanied by Mrs. Perry Judkins of Bethel who visited Mrs. B. Judkins.

The next Farm Bureau meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. A. Judkins on February 15. Subject, dessert breads.

GREENWOOD CENTER

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mills and family Locke Mills, called on her parents Mr. and Mrs. Rawson Martin over the week end.

Gerald Robinson of Norway was at Dan Cole's recently.

Lester Cole has been ill the past week. He is under the doctor's care.

Several in the place have had bad colds.
Rex Martin of Harrison called on friends in the place last week. The school children were unable to attend school several days last week, the roads were so drifted.

Mrs. Glenn Martin was in Bethel recently on business.
Roland Martin visited with Ronald Baker at Locke Mills over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Toivo Lehto and family, Greenwood City called at Jerry Martin's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vienna Roukalahen of Greenwood City visited Mrs. Glenn Martin recently.

Rawson Martin hasn't been quite as well the past few days.
Irving Martin is working at Locke Mills.

Mrs. Beryl Martin was on Rowe Hill last week calling on friends and relatives.
Raymond Seames, Howe Hill is staying at Dan Cole's for the present. He will ride to work with Charlotte Cole.

Evelyn and Raymond Seames attended the dance at South Paris Saturday night.

NORTH WOODSTOCK

Mr. and Mrs. William Farwell and family were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Farwell at East Bethel.

Mrs. Virginia Ricker was at home over the week end from her work at Locke Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitman entertained relatives from Norway Sunday.

Mrs. Lola Foster has been sick with bronchitis.
Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Buck have received word from their son Sherwood of the Merchant Marine that at present he is somewhere in France.

C. James Knight was at Portland Sunday on business in regard to the town tractor.

Several from this community attended Grange Saturday night, also attended Oxford County Pomona on Tuesday.

Billy Taylor and Rebecca Ricker have been sick.

Emma Davis was at home over the week end.

The Treasury Department has announced that the sales quota of Series E, F and G Bonds for Maine during February will be \$3,500,000, fourth in the list of New England States.



"Imagine! An airliner without wheaties for breakfast!"

LOCKE MILLS

Adelaide W. Lister, Correspondent
Mrs. Erland Whittemore is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vallo at Berlin, N. H.

The Farm Bureau met at the home of Mrs. Rowena Dunham Wednesday at 10:30 enjoying a box lunch. Handbags were the project of Miss Jean Tirrell of Auburn was at her home over the week end.

Mrs. Betty Mason Martin of Auburn was the guest of her aunt Mrs. Myra Jordan on the week end.

The State Guard will hold a dance at Town Hall, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Florence Ring and Mrs. Mildred Cummings were at Lewiston last Friday.

Miss Helen Crockett was at home over the week end.
Tuesday at the noon hour at Tebbetts' mill a surprise party was tendered Mrs. Elvira Lurvey, it being her birthday. She was presented with a lovely pocketbook. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, including a birthday cake.

MIDDLE INTERVAL

The Farm Bureau meeting on Yeast Breads and Table Service was held at Mrs. Susie Capen's Tuesday, Feb. 6. Mrs. Capen had charge of the meeting.

Jane Bean of Sunday River visited her sister, Mrs. Frances Gunther a few days last week.
Malcolm Farwell called on friends in the neighborhood, Sunday.

GEORGE HARDING TUCKER

George Harding Tucker died Monday morning at the home of his sisters, the Misses Ruth and Eva Tucker at West Paris after a long period of failing health.

He was the son of James R. and Adella Benson Tucker and was born at North Paris January 2, 1870. He married Frances Stevens who passed away in 1938. Besides his sisters he is survived by several cousins.

Most of his life was spent in Portland where he was an engraver for the Welch Stencil Company retiring 3 1/2 years ago. He was a member of Portland Lodge F and A M. Greenleaf Chapter 413 Portland, Portland Council R S M; St. Albans Commandery No. 8; Portland and Kora Temple Shrine. He was a 32 degree Mason.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Universalist Church, Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes officiating.

Entombment was at Wayside Cemetery, West Paris where burial will take place in the family lot.

FARM NEWS

Milton E. Smith of Mapleton has been appointed a member of the Maine State Committee of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Frank W. Hussey, of Presque Isle, who has served on this committee for several years. Other members of the State A. A. Committee are: Fred J. Nutten, chairman, Corinna; R. H. Boothby, Laverne Falls; Arthur L. Deering, Orono; Harold J. Shaw, Sanford; George E. Lord, Orono; Thomas R. York, Mars Hill; and Carl R. Smith Augusta. The State Committee is the administrative agency of the U. S. Agricultural Adjustment in this state. The work of A. A. brings it in contact with practically every farmer in Oxford county.

The Caribou Farm Bureau has set a membership record for the State of Maine. Membership in that group totals 303, the largest that any local Farm Bureau has ever enrolled.

Kenneth C. Lovejoy, state 4-H club leader, Maine Agricultural Extension Service, reports that enrollment in 4-H clubs was nearly double on February 1 that on the same date last year. The figures are 4357 members this year and 2393 last year on February 1. Kennebec county has the largest enrollment to date, 588 members. Total 4-H enrollment last year was nearly 22,000.

EXTENSION CHATS

Virginia Brown, H. D. A.
The 1945 Farm Bureau officers are as follows: President, Laurence Marston, E. Waterford; Vice President, Francis Buzzell, Fryeburg; Secretary, Mrs. Eva Frost, Norway; Treasurer, W. B. DeCoster, South Paris; Agricultural Economics, Harold Pike, Waterford; Agricultural Eng., Hugh Stearns, East Stoneham; Clothing, Mrs. Barbee Noyes, Bethel; Clubs, J. C. Conant, Canton; Crops, William Chapman, Bethel; Dairy, Gerald Bessey, Buckfield; Foods, Mrs. Harold Noyes, Rumbold; Forestry, Edmund Smith, Bethel; Home Management, Mrs. Alice Dudley, Bryant Pond; Orchard, John McKean, West Paris; Poultry, J. William Wadsworth, Cornish.

The new series of meetings on Minute Savers in Meal Preparation and Make Every Motion Count started Feb. 7 in West Paris. This is a meeting conducted by the Home Demonstration Agent—one designed to help save time and energy. The schedule for the first two weeks meetings is as follows:

February 7	West Paris
February 8	Lovell
February 9	Buckfield
February 13	Perit
February 14	Dixfield
February 15	Canton

Each person attending both this meeting and the meeting on "Home Made Mixes" which will come a little later are eligible for a certificate issued by the Citizens' Service Corps.

RATION TIMETABLE

MEATS & FATS—NOW GOOD: Red Stamps Q-5 through Z-5 and A-2 through D-2, in Book Four, worth 10 points each. Red Stamps Q-5, R-5, S-5, expire March 31; T-5 through X-5, expire April 30; Y-5 Z-5 and A-2 through D-2 expire June 2. Next Red Stamps are expected to be validated March 3.

PROCESSED FOODS — NOW GOOD: Blue Stamps X-5 through Z-5 and A-2 through M-2 worth 10 points each. Blue stamps X-5, Y-5, Z-5, A-2 and B-2 expire March 31; C-2 through G-2 expire April 28; H-2 through M-2 expire June 2. Next Blue Stamps expected to be validated March 1.

SUGAR — NOW GOOD: Sugar Stamps Nos. 34 and 35, in Book Four, good for five pounds each. Stamp 34 expires Feb. 28 and Stamp 35 expires June 2. It is expected that the next sugar stamp will be validated May 1.

FUEL OIL — Period Four and Period Five coupons of 1943-44 issue and Period One, Period Two and Period Three coupons of 1944-45 issue valid to Aug. 31. All coupons worth 10 gallons a unit.

GASOLINE — A-14 coupons good for four gallons each, through March 31. B-5, C-5, D-5 and C-6 coupons good for five gallons each until further notice. Write new car registration number on front of gas ration book—cross out old one. It is not necessary to change registration numbers on coupons. Applicants for all gas rations must now present mileage ration records to local boards with applications.

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